

Two Katrina Class Stories: Helping Hands

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Pete Cozzone, left, and Laine Frey, both members of the class of 2009, devoted thousands of hours to helping New Orleans rebuild after Hurricane Katrina. (Photos by Paula Burch-Celentano and Ryan Rivet)

Pete Cozzone and Laine Frey were determined to help the residents of New Orleans get back to normal following Hurricane Katrina. They started volunteering and enlisting other students to volunteer upon their return to Tulane in the semester following the storm. Hear their stories in these multimedia presentations.

Cozzone committed hundreds of hours to heading the university's Paint Rally project, which focused on repainting schools, community centers and sometimes homes. His efforts resulted in the gathering of more than 2,000 Tulane students and volunteers from around the country who tackled the projects in record time.

Likewise, Frey used her presidency of an on-campus organization to reach out to individual families in need having their homes gutted and rebuilt. While at Tulane, the Student Advocacy for Equitable Recovery (SAFER) helped rebuild 15 homes and contributed to the gutting of 85 houses.

Cozzone and Frey are members of the class of 2009. Their stories were produced by *New Wave* team members Alicia Duplessis Jasmin and Ryan Rivet, with photography by Paula Burch-Celentano and Rivet.

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